

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL  
B.S.A.

DATE November 13, 1967

Full Name Lawrence McGowan  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 426 Beechtree Rd.

City Columbus State Ohio

Age 48 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Latter Day Saint Nationality American

Occupation Construction Worker

Education High School

Weight 190 Color White Height 5'11"

Color of hair Black turning Grey Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests GA WORK

Married or single Married Children 3  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name ?

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
<u>T366</u>	<u>Columbus</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Central Ohio</u>	<u>10/66 as SR</u>	

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

MORALS CHARGES FOR PAST 12 YEARS

DO NOT

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Executive

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December 15, 1967

Mr. J. Harold Browne  
Scout Executive  
Central Ohio Council, No. 441

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Brownie:

Thank you for your letter of December 7 and the confidential record sheet you enclosed concerning Lawrence McGowan, formerly registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 366. We have placed this information in our files.

This additional information will enable us to identify this man should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL & TRAINING DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

HB/clr

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# CENTRAL OHIO COUNCIL

#441

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Telephone, 253-5513

1428 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43205

December 7, 1967

Mr. Howard Boyd  
Registration Service  
National Council-BSA  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

### PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Howard:

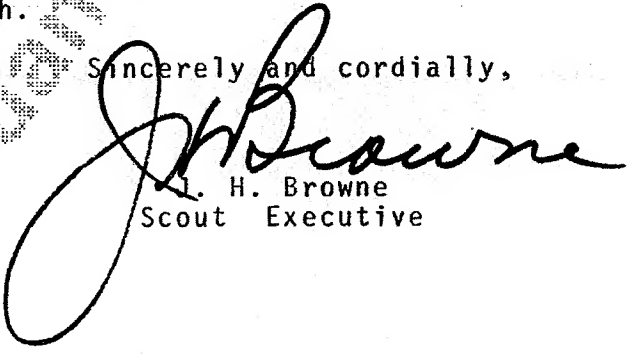
Attached is the information for the case of  
Mr. Lawrence McGowan.

We have followed this very closely and there  
is no question about the situation.

I had a long talk yesterday with his Bishop  
in the Latter Day Saints Church and pointed out  
that our role was in building boys and not mending  
men and that we were not willing to take any chance  
whatsoever in this instance.

Thank you much.

Sincerely and cordially,

  
J. H. Browne  
Scout Executive

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November 3, 1967

Mr. J. Harold Browne  
Scout Executive  
Central Ohio Council, No. 441

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Lawrence McGowan

Dear Brownie:

Thank you for your letter of October 30, and the fine report you enclosed concerning Lawrence McGowan, currently registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 366. We have placed this information in our files and have taken steps to have his name deleted from the Troop roster.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would very much appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible, together with any substantiating documents that may be available, such as a copy of his police record.

This additional information will enable us to identify this individual should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL & TRAINING DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

HB/clr  
Encl.

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# CENTRAL OHIO COUNCIL

#441

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Telephone, 253-5513

1428 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43205

October 30, 1967

Mr. Howard Boyd  
Volunteer Procurement  
National Council-BSA  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Howard:

The attached letter outlines the story of Mr. Lawrence McGowan who is currently registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 366. *Assistant*

This is sent to you for your information with the knowledge that probably Mr. McGowan should be placed upon our confidential file.

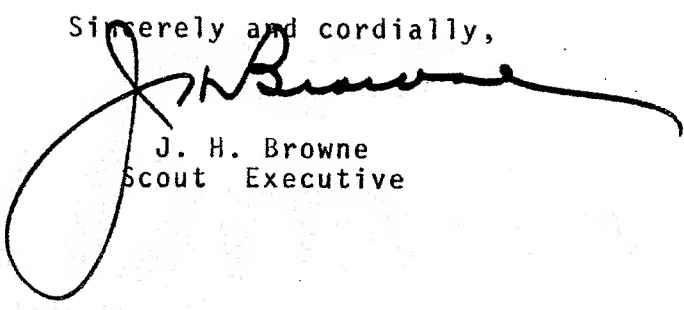
I have checked and his conviction is a matter of record.

I have been unable to contact the Bishop mentioned but will follow through some time this week.

It is my opinion that the Mormon church might make a stand on this, of some kind, but there is no doubt in my mind as to the undesirability of this man being in Scouting.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely and cordially,

  
J. H. Browne  
Scout Executive

JHB/dk

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# CENTRAL OHIO COUNCIL

#441

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Telephone, 253-5513

1428 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43205

October 24, 1967

Mr. J. H. Browne  
Scout Executive  
Central Ohio Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
1428 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Browne:

This letter is in regard to the activities of Lawrence McGowan of 426 Beechtree Road, Columbus 13, Ohio. Mr. McGowan at present is the Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop #366, in White Oaks District. The Troop is sponsored by Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints Mormon Church. Mr. McGowan has a list of sex offenses, dating back twelve years. The last sex offense according to Detective Sergeant McBride, of the Whitehall Police Department and Lt. Dick Wells of that department, was in February 1966 when Mr. McGowan was convicted of sodomy.

Last night, Bill Nail and myself called on Mr. McGowan and explained about the membership of the Boy Scouts of America as being privileged and asked him if he had ever been convicted of a felony and he answered "yes" that he had been convicted and had served a sentence. He also told us (Bill Nail and John Callahan) he had told his Bishop that he was convicted, what he was convicted for; to which the Bishop answered that he should work with the Boy Scout Troop. He was very nice and he admitted that he was a convict with a sentence. But, he also suggested that we contact the Bishop.

We left it on this basis; that we would contact the Bishop, we would give the registration money back to him or the church, whichever had paid for it.

We will follow up with a meeting with the Bishop, but in the meantime, this is for your information, to share with those Mormons who should know. I would hate to lose a Scout Troop. One of the things that bothered me in his conversation, was that he would "see now how much his church would back him". This may be a key to future episodes. Even though he admits his mistakes and has served for them, he is now depending on the church to back him up and keep him on in Scouting.

I am sure as far as the Boy Scouts of America are concerned, his membership is not acceptable now, or at any future date.

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Any correspondence or calling to check on the above information can be checked with Det. McBride or Lt. Dick. Wells. Also, there is a third party, a [REDACTED], who is principal of the Beechwood School. Mr. [REDACTED] is quite worried about this man and is one of the first people we have talked to. This came to our attention when Mr. [REDACTED] called me on the telephone to say that this man had a record. He had received word from one of his associates that this man was in Scouting and had a criminal record of sex offenses, and even told us who to call in the Whitehall Police Department. Mr. [REDACTED] as you know, is a past District Chairman and a very reliable individual. On checking, we found that the information was true and correct and proceeded with the information. Mr. Bill Nail and myself called on Mr. Lawrence McGowan on October 23, at 8:00 P.M. at his home.

Most sincerely,

John Gallaher  
Director  
Field Service

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